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Family robbed of memories

Fatal fire. Victim's house ransacked in the aftermath

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There's more heartache for the family and friends who lost 85-year-old Betty Sloan in a March 11 house fire on Sterling Street.

Someone entered the shuttered residence and stole precious heirlooms that family members had planned to clear out this week, a neighbour said.

Not only did the thief, or thieves, steal Sloan's jewelry, Royal Doulton items and other personal objects, drywall was torn apart and copper pipes were taken.

Neighbour and family friend Darlene Rex said Sloan's adult children are too torn up to talk, but they asked her to get the word out.

"It's unbelievable that someone would do such a thing after a woman died in there," she said. "I was speaking to her daughter-in-law Trish, and she's pretty devastated.

"They took her jewelry box, and there's a lot of sentimental value in that. Some of the things a six-year-old gives you, you keep forever. It means nothing to anybody else."

Rex said someone appears to have broken in through the boarded-up side door Monday night.

"It's just heartbreaking," Rex said. "The family has gone through so much with the fire and the passing of their mom and then this happens."

Rex said Sloan's daughter-in-law was looking as white as a ghost shortly after discovering the theft. "It was like she was in shock. She was just devastated by the whole thing. Her son isn't well right now, and he's trying to deal with this. He's just beside himself."

Quoted

"They're all just heartbroken."

Darlene Rex, family friend of woman killed in fire

ANOTHER LIGHTNING STRIKE?

London's Tony Bennett drives through heavy coverage as the Lightning and Express do battle Thursday in National Basketball League of Canada playoff action at Budweiser Gardens. Story on page 29. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

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Only one name added to cops' sunshine list

Sunny in London.
Number of firefighters making $100,000 or more doubles

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London police Chief Brad Duncan said stemming the tide of overtime pay wherever possible is the biggest reason the force added only one more name to the ranks of those making $100,000 or more a year.

The total number for 2013 stood at 191. The salaries must be made public each year on the so-called sunshine list, which police released Thursday.

London firefighters, by comparison, added more than 100 names to the list in 2013 and, at 239, now outnumber police. About one out of every two firefighters now earns at least $100,000.

As for police: "Of the constable positions that are identified, 27 of those are above $100,000 due to hire-ons, so in other words that's paid duties that are not taxpayer supported," Duncan said Thursday.

Examples of "hire-on" jobs are officers working security at a construction site or in the entertainment district on their own time, he added.

Duncan said those third-party hires saved the police costly overtime pay because fewer on-duty officers had to work extra hours to police those situations.

He also pointed to investigations involving the major crime and drug sections that drive overtime pay up, but said that is and will always be a factor.

"In our world, there are just uncontrollable costs, so if you have homicide investigations or lengthy drug investigations, they require a considerable amount of overtime," Duncan said. "That's the nature of policing.

"Although it's gone up by one person, if we did not control the overtime costs you would see it even higher than what it is now."

London Professional Firefighters Association president John Hassan, whose members are in the midst of an arbitration battle with the city for a new contract, has often said that a shortage of frontline firefighters has caused overtime costs to spiral and the number on the list to go up.

The specifics

The top three London Police Service earners and their base salary:

- **Chief Brad Duncan:** $229,188
- **Deputy Chief Brent Shea:** $196,357
- **Deputy Chief John Pare:** $193,809

London police Chief Brad Duncan said cutting overtime costs has helped keep the number of officers earning $100,000 or more under control. METRO FILE

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More fun on patios this summer as music ban could end soon

Pilot project. Staff ask council to approve entertainment changes, within limits

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The city's bar and restaurant patios could get a little more entertaining this summer.

Staff at city hall have drawn up proposed new rules for patios, and it's looking like a ban on music could end, at least for a while.

It was a hot topic last summer, when Coun. Denise Brown asked colleagues to consider a change in bylaws. That led to a chorus of approval around the council horseshoe, with Major Joe Fontana — a former rock band drummer — calling for London to get tuneful and get the party started.

So council asked staff to look into what could be done.

But the rules, put together by bylaw officials and to be presented at Tuesday's planning and environment committee meeting, are carefully designed to make sure patios don't cause a nuisance to residents.

And the usual limits on noise will still apply. That's being made clear, in case anybody thinks they can get too loud.

"The intention of this pilot program is to examine the impacts of introducing some limited forms of non-amplified entertainment on patios, within reasonable hours while maintaining protection in terms of unreasonable noise or noise likely to disturb inhabitants/occupants in nearby properties," says a staff report.

The message is simple: Let's try this out but don't get carried away.

Denise Brown CONTRIBUTED

At a glance

- People can comment on the patio proposal during a May 13 public participation meeting at city hall.
- The rules would permit acoustic music only, "non-amplified entertainment" and TV screens without audio.
- The plan is for the pilot project to be reviewed at the end of the year.

Breaking London into bits

London's been shown in a different light in a cool project led by award-winning web and mobile development and design studio Simalam. Sarah Rose, who was an intern at the London company as part of its community work, created a map of the city in the style of 16-bit video game Legend of Zelda. It was created in two weeks as a training project, the company's Adam Malamis said. CONTRIBUTED

'Dishonest.' Provincial labour movement attacks Hudak in London

Ontario's labour movement is attempting a full-frontal assault on the provincial Progressive Conservatives and their leader, Tim Hudak.

On Thursday night, the battlefield was in London.

Members of the Ontario Federation of Labour and the London and District Labour Council got together in the Forest City as part of a province-wide tour to preach the anti-Hudak gospel.

"This is a campaign basically to stop Tim Hudak and his Conservatives in their tracks," said London labour council president Patti Dalton. "As you know, they launched a platform of extreme anti-union measures, of which Tim Hudak has attempted to step back from."

Specifically, Hudak pushed the so-called "right-to-work" agenda, which has grown throughout the United States.

Tim Hudak TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

That legislation, now in more than 20 states, permits workers to receive union protection and perks without having to pay dues.

Hudak recently retracted that stance, but Dalton doesn't believe a word of it.

"We do not believe for one minute his claim that he's shelved his anti-union agenda. We think it's a very dishonest tactical maneuver on his part," she said. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Busted. Drug, gun charges laid after police search

Four people face a slew of charges after the London police guns and drugs section and the emergency response unit executed search warrants at two homes on Oliver and Egerton streets Thursday.

Police found a loaded Ruger .22-calibre semi-automatic handgun, 489 rounds of ammunition, a single bullet for a rifle, a variety of drugs and cash.

Dennis Dalbello, 43, and 33-year-old Lynsay Griffiths, both of London, have been charged with possession of controlled substances.

Dalbello is also accused of a breaching probation.

Wayne Doran, 55, of London, and William Chatterley, 45, of no fixed address, face trafficking charges, as well as five weapons charges.

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Historic Old East colours rise again

The colours of Old East Village: The area's special palette is shown in these sample sheets. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Life Spin. Charity, paint store team up to bring back special palette

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The residents of Old East Village know it's a special place, but now they're rediscovering its special colours.

As part of the refurbishment of the headquarters of charity Life Spin, at Dundas and Ontario streets, a palette of colours created just for the historic area is being reintroduced and made available to people who own properties there.

It's being done with help from Benjamin Moore paint stores.

"They actually did it about 10 years ago with a lot of input from the community," said Life Spin executive director Jacqueline Thompson. "The Benjamin Moore store closed down and the colour palette was lost.

"But someone had one of the cards that they made and it was recreated."

The colours reflect the surroundings, building styles and, in some cases, features of historic buildings like Life Spin's centre, which dates from the late 19th century.

The rich hues are meant to reflect the character of those times, Thompson said.

The community consultation continued with a Wednesday evening event at the centre run by the charity, which supports low-income families and sole parents.

People were invited to give opinions, and even to vote on which colours from the palette might be used on the refurbished front of the 868 Dundas St. building.

The result means Life Spin is likely to have a sunny yellow front door, among other features.

Meanwhile, the other work goes on, with panels on the front of the building about to be removed, revealing stained-glass windows.

And the array of colours in the special palette will be featured throughout the village, it is hoped.

"There are a lot of heritage homes in this neighbourhood," Thompson said. "Folks have been buying them and fixing them up. They've put a lot of energy into beautifying the neighbourhood."

Community support

Life Spin supports more than 5,000 low-income residents every year, offering a community resource space and a store.

- It was established in 1989 and took over its current building in 2000.
- In a different project this week, residents joined a seed-planting party. The Life Spin centre is full of the seeds for now, but they will move to the community garden when spring sets in.

Spaceballs: Meteor search underway near St. Thomas

Researchers from Western University are looking for pieces of a meteor believed to have crashed down just north of St. Thomas on Tuesday.

A basketball-sized meteor that was almost as bright as the full moon lighted the skies of southwestern Ontario that day. Astronomers say they need the public's help in finding bits and pieces of what hit Earth.

Western's physics and astronomy department has a network of all-sky cameras across southern Ontario that scan the atmosphere monitoring for meteors.

Peter Brown, director of the centre for planetary science and exploration, said the Tuesday fireball was spotted about 10:25 p.m. It was picked up by seven cameras in Western's Southern Ontario Meteor Network along with two camera systems in Ohio and Pennsylvania, jointly operated with NASA's Meteoroid Environment Office.

The fireball started near Port Dover at a height of 75 kilometres and moved almost due westward before ending at an altitude of 32 kilometres between Aylmer and St. Thomas.

People with information can call Phil McCausland at 519-661-2111, ext. 88008, or 519-694-3323.

Meteors are characterized by a dark, scalloped exterior and are usually denser than normal rock. They will often attract a fridge magnet due to their metal content. METRO

Who owns 'em

Meteors belong to the owner of the land upon which they are discovered, experts say.

- That means if you intend to head out looking for one you need to get permission from the landowner.

Play for free

City killing rec program fees for a week

The city is offering a week of free introductory recreational programs from March 24-28.

A wide variety of classes will be available on a daily drop-in basis.

Dates, times and locations of the available classes vary, moving around to community centres across the city throughout the week.

Free passes are available at the time of classes. Check london.ca/tryus for full details. METRO

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Graduation. So a food bank founder and a comedian walk into a university ...

The London Food Bank's Glen Pearson and comedian Rick Mercer sharing the same stage?

It really is about to happen, sort of.

They are two of 14 people who will receive honorary degrees from Western University this year.

They'll also be the keynote speakers at graduation ceremonies that start June 10 and continue through June 18.

Some others on the lineup include:

— Shawn Atleo: A national chief, negotiator, facilitator and community activist working for First Nations rights

— Sheila Fraser: Former auditor general of Canada and the first woman to hold the post

— Robert Langer: A biotechnology engineer with about 1,050 patents issued/pending around the world

— Stacey Allaster: Named by Forbes Magazine as one of the "Most Powerful Women in Sports," she's held virtually every position imaginable in the world of tennis

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Documents. Tory MPP accused of contempt

Vic Fedeli TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Ontario's Liberals launched contempt proceedings against Progressive Conservative Vic Fedeli on Thursday for releasing documents that the government insisted contained sensitive business data that the Opposition had agreed to keep secret.

"Fedeli flagrantly breached his duty to keep the information confidential," government house leader John Milloy wrote in a letter to Speaker Dave Levac. "There can be no doubt that Mr. Fedeli was aware that the information he disclosed was contained in a commercially sensitive document that was confidential to the committee."

Fedeli rose in the legislature Tuesday to quote from documents that were given to the legislature's estimates committee, saying they showed Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Liberals had been advised they were billions of dollars short on their deficit-reduction targets, but then "lied" about the state of Ontario's finances to the public.

The Conservatives insisted Fedeli released only documents that the committee had determined could be made public, not those they agreed would remain confidential to protect businesses or third parties seeking contracts with the government.

If the government put the cabinet documents Fedeli quoted in the wrong box given to the committee, that was the Liberals' fault, not his, said PC house leader Jim Wilson.

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Queen's Park. Sattler bill would lead to more co-ops and internships

A private member's bill to help tackle youth unemployment passed its second reading Thursday at Queen's Park.

Spearheaded by London West MPP Peggy Sattler, the legislation aims to help employers and post-secondary institutions offer more high quality work and learning experiences, such as field placements, co-ops and paid internships.

"Work experience is a crucial factor in ensuring our students have the skills they need to get good jobs," said Sattler.

London has a "huge stake in ensuring that graduating students are able to transition seamlessly into the workforce, whether they are entering for the first time or are retraining for new careers," she said.

The bill has earned support from groups including Western University, Fanshawe College's student union and Emerging Leaders. METRO

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Bank looking for entrepreneurs at crossroads

The Business Development Bank of Canada is looking for young entrepreneurs as part of a national contest that could earn them $100,000 for their company.

The 2014 Young Entrepreneur Award is open to business owners 18 to 35 years old. Applications are due by noon April 3.

Organizers are especially looking for entrepreneurs who are at a turning point, deciding whether they should continue at the current pace of growth or grow for long-term success. Visit bdc.ca/yea for details. METRO

Teachers Dean Loupos, left back, and Felicia Smart with, from front left, top math students Jierui Zhou, Yan Ning Zhang and Fuzhu Li, whose scores secured the top prize. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Beal math team beats the rest

Success. Grade 10 kids show what their school can achieve

There's been an important victory at H.B. Beal Secondary School, and it's causing big excitement.

The school's Grade 10 math team has just proved it's the best in the city and one of the best in the province. The thrilled teaching staff are saying that makes a statement about the heights that Beal students are reaching.

The top three students at Beal won the Cayley math contest, beating everybody in the London district.

Local rankings

The best London teams in the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing's Cayley contest were:

- H.B. Beal, first place
- Oakridge, second place
- A.B. Lucas, third place
- London Central and London District Christian, tied for fourth place

"We've been running this for years," said math teacher Dean Loupos. "We usually do well, but this is the first time we've been first in the city. These Grade 10s beat everybody, and they also came 15th in the entire province."

The contest is prestigious. It's internationally and nationally run, but in this region it's put together by the University of Waterloo.

"We're really excited about this because we beat nine of the top 10 schools in the Fraser report (which grades schools)," Loupos said.

The contest was an hour-long math test, with a focus on out-of-the-box thinking and problem-solving. A total of 22 Beal Grade 10s took part, with the best three scores competing with other schools.

Loupos said: "I get parents all the time saying, 'My kid wants to come to Beal. The program's amazing, drama's amazing, music's amazing, but we're worried. How are your academics?'

"This validates that our high-end academic is as good as any in the city. You can't argue with it."

And he paid tribute to the dedication of the kids involved, saying they're into math like other kids are into sports.

"They love it," Loupos said. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Comicon to make London debut in fall

It's official: London will have what's being billed as its very first Comicon convention in the fall.

Described as "a celebration of nerd culture like no other," the Forest City Comicon is slated to take over Centennial Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, featuring costumes, vendors, board games and video-game tournaments.

The London Rogues, a Star Wars, sci-fi and fantasy group, is partnering with festival organizers to turn the event into a fundraiser for MindYourMind — a non-profit mental-health program for youths and young adults.

The organizers

- Gord Mood and Carol Vandenberg: Owners of L.A. Mood Comics and Games.
- Maggie Morgue: Operates Between Panels, an online news source on comics.
- John Houghton: An event management specialist involved in local theatre.
- Emmanuel Guerrero: Lead RPG games master at L.A. Mood.

The Rogues are a group of fans who suit up in costumes to attend events and raise money for local organizations.

Details on vendor space at Comicon is available at forestcitycomicon.ca.

A list of special guests who will attend has not been released. You can sign up for email updates on the event's website. METRO

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Employment insurance. Recipient numbers hold steady in London area

The number of people in the London-St. Thomas area receiving employment insurance benefits in January remained largely unchanged from the month before, Statistics Canada says.

There were 5,750 people claiming benefits in January, an increase of 140 people, or 2.5 per cent, from December. Year over year, 130 fewer people received benefits, a drop of 2.2 per cent.

The figures don't necessarily illustrate how many people are out of work, because benefits run out before some find a job.

Provincially, there was virtually no change between December and January and there was a decrease of less than 1 per cent year over year.

In January 2014, 76,850 Ontarians received employment insurance cheques.

Cities that did reflect big changes included Windsor, which saw its numbers plummet by 380 people between December and January and 1,110 between January 2013 and January 2014 — a 22.9 per cent drop.

Among Ontario cities listed, only Thunder Bay — 8.6 per cent — and Kingston — 6.5 per cent — saw more recipients in January than the year before.

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By the numbers

5,750

Number of people who received January employment insurance benefits in the London area

Grand Theatre show. Kids will join 2 brothers on their journey home

The Grand Theatre is putting on a show for the kids.

Dib and Dob and the Journey Home, presented by the Carousel Players, is coming to the McManus Studio Theatre on March 27-29.

The show follows two brothers as they embark on a journey to find home, overcoming obstacles and conquering fears as they traverse a forest.

"This production is perfect for young children," says the Grand's Kendra Lindsay. "The children have an opportunity to interact with the actors during the performance. It's also the perfect length in that it's not too long for young audiences."

Tickets are available online at grandtheatre.com or by calling the box office at 519 672 8800.

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Join the show

"The children have an opportunity to interact with the actors during the performance ..."

The Grand's Kendra Lindsay on Dib and Dob and the Journey Home

Budweiser New Music Fest. 2-day Ontario music festival seeks performers

Submissions are being accepted for artists interested in performing at the Budweiser New Music Fest in London, Barrie and Sudbury.

Each two-day festival will feature more than 50 regional and national acts from various genres.

The deadline for submissions is April 15 at newmusicfest.ca.

New Music Fest started in 2008 in Barrie with past performances from groups including The Trews, Big Sugar, Monster Truck and Arkells.

The festival made its London debut in November featuring live music at multiple venues across the city. It will return to London in September.

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The London Food Bank is among the local agencies that depend on donors to keep the doors open and fulfill its mission. But, at least according to one company, London's donors fall short of that in other places. METRO FILE

1 in 5 Londoners donate to charity: Tax report

Give a little bit ... more.

Average donation of $639 far from most charitable cities in report

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Londoners may dig, but according to a report by Intuit, the makers of TurboTax software, we don't dig too deeply.

Intuit says that as of March 17, 57,852 Canadians have claimed charitable donations when filing their taxes with TurboTax.

The company has taken the average donation and categorized them by municipality.

Of Canada's major cities, London's a long way from the top of the list, falling somewhere between Whitehorse and Windsor with an average donation of $639. So far, 22.6 per cent of the Londoners who have filed their taxes with TurboTax have claimed a charitable donation.

Whitehorse donors gave an average of $720, while Windsorites shelled out an average of $600.

Mission Services of London director of fundraising Ericka Ayala Ronson said despite the showing, donations are on the rise.

"Thanks to the generosity of our community, we estimate that at the end of fiscal 2013-14, which ends March 31, we'll be slightly ahead of (the previous year) with private donations," she said. "This doesn't include legacy gifts, or gifts in kind that weren't receipted.

"The impact of gifts in kind can be substantial for our clients, and includes food, clothing, household articles and personal care items."

Average donations

The top five most generous Canadian cities, according to Intuit:

- **Canmore, Alta.:** $7,547
- **East St. Paul, Man.:** $6,724
- **Rocky Mountain House, Alta.:** $5,340
- **Cardston, Alta.:** $5,179
- **Landmark, Man.:** $4,860

Gov't report puts bee in keepers' bonnet

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association says it can't endorse the final report from the Bee Health Working Group.

The report released Wednesday by Premier Kathleen Wynne, acting as Minister of Agriculture, promotes the use of non-insecticide treated seed.

It also encourages the use of products and tools to reduce the risk of pollinators being exposed to dust containing neonicotinoids during planting.

But the association contends the government is incorrectly assuming that neonicotinoids could be safe for bees if applied properly at planting time.

It says the government is ignoring a growing body of scientific evidence proving that the spread of dust from planters is just one way these pesticides are devastating bee populations.

It says research has shown a significant pesticide residue in puddles and field water during late June, long after crops are planted and crop dust is a potential risk.

"As a beekeeper and farmer, I have seen the devastation caused by the indiscriminate use of this pesticide," said association president Dan Davidson. "This report does not reflect the magnitude of the threat to bee health in Ontario."

A bee sits on the finger of beekeeper Rob McFarland on Jan. 31. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last year, neonicotinoid treated seed was applied to more than 1.9 million hectares of corn and soy in Ontario.

The association says it believes that until Ontario suspends to the use of neonicotinoids on field crops, any voluntary options around best practices will be ineffective.

Wynne said the province will "continue to look to the federal government, the regulator of pesticides in Canada, to provide evidence-based direction on a national approach to neonicotinoid use."

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Alberta's deputy premier tagged to take over for Alison Redford

Business as usual. Dave Hancock, who's been in government for 17 years, says government will carry on and be effective

Dave Hancock, who once dreamed of being the leader of Alberta, got the job Thursday in a way he never imagined.

Hancock, Premier Alison Redford's second-in-command, was chosen by the governing Progressive Conservative caucus to replace her when she steps down on Sunday and her party begins the search for a permanent replacement.

Hancock, deputy premier and member of the legislature, has been in government for 17 years and is the longest-serving minister in cabinet.

He lost the PC leadership race to Ed Stelmach in 2006 and said Thursday he won't run again because the Tories need a fresh face.

"If we're going to show the party as moving forward, I'm probably not the guy who epitomizes that," he said.

The PC party executive is to meet Monday to set out the timeline for the leadership race, which can run anywhere from four to six months.

Redford did not attend the hour-long morning meeting to choose Hancock, but arrived at the end with her 12-year-old daughter, Sarah, in tow. She did not speak to reporters.

Redford quit Wednesday night, saying the infighting had become an intolerable distraction to the business of the province.

Hancock said the business of government will carry on and will be effective.

"We're all professionals. We all know our jobs. We all know what the people of Alberta elected us to do. We come to work every day."

When asked if he expects difficult times ahead, Hancock replied: "In this business, every day is a difficult day."

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Alberta Premier Alison Redford arrives at the Alberta legislature with her daughter Sarah in Edmonton on Thursday, the day after she announced her resignation. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'The mandate doesn't change'

Dave Hancock
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Hancock said he will neither be changing Redford's policies nor the direction of government. That's the prerogative of the incoming permanent leader, he suggested.

- "The mandate doesn't change," he said. "It's the mandate of government. It's the mandate under which our MLAs were elected and that is what we will continue to do."
- Hancock had been Redford's most vocal supporter in recent weeks as mounting revelations of lavish spending and caucus turmoil swamped her ability to govern.

Portland Hotel Society

Audit uncovers lavish spending by B.C. non-profit

The non-profit that looks after some of Canada's poorest citizens blew thousands of dollars on hotels, limousines — even a trip to a Disney resort. Separate financial reviews examining expenses by the Portland Hotel Society — which runs Canada's only safe-injection site — revealed misuse of corporate credit cards and unsupported expenses.

A B.C. government review and external financial audit reveal what the province says are significant concerns over the practices of the society that operates numerous programs in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'No due or fair process'

Trudeau slammed over blocking of Liberal candidate

Justin Trudeau's decision to block a candidate who wanted to run for the Liberals in the Trinity-Spadina byelection has been condemned by the riding's Liberal executive members.

They say the move to block Christine Innes was undemocratic and amounted to the leader breaking his promise of open nomination meetings in all ridings.

"There was absolutely no due or fair process … and there was absolutely zero local involvement," riding president Julia Metus said in a statement Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

20 years later

All apologies, but nothing's changed in Cobain case

With the 20th anniversary of Kurt Cobain's death approaching, Seattle police re-examined the case files in connection with the Nirvana front man's suicide.

Police spokeswoman Renee Witt said Thursday the review found nothing new, but several rolls of undeveloped film were found.

Police took another look at the case to be ready for next month's anniversary, she said. "There's still a lot of interest in this case. The detective went into the case files to refresh himself. The outcome of the case has not changed."

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Floating objects 'best lead' in search for plane

Satellite imagery. Possible debris spotted 2,500 kilometres southwest of Australia

Family members of passengers aboard the missing Malaysia Airlines plane arrive for a briefing in Cyberjaya, Malaysia, on Thursday. LAI SENG SIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An air search in the southern Indian Ocean for possible objects from the missing Malaysia Airlines plane that has been described as the "best lead" has turned up no clues so far, Australian rescue officials said.

The four planes were checking to see if two large objects spotted in satellite imagery bobbing in the remote ocean were debris from Flight 370 that disappeared March 8 with 239 people on board.

One of the objects was 24 metres in length and the other was 5 metres. There could be other objects in the area, which are a four-hour flight from Australia's southwestern coast, said John Young, manager of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's emergency response division.

"This is a lead, it's probably the best lead we have right now," Young said. He cautioned that the objects could be seaborne debris along a shipping route where containers can fall off cargo vessels, although the larger object is longer than a container.

A statement from the authority said the four planes searched an area of 23,000 square kilometres, about 2,500 kilometres southwest of Perth on Thursday without success. The area is about halfway between Australia and islands off the Antarctic. Authorities said in a statement early Friday that efforts were resuming with four military aircraft planning to scour more than 35,000 square kilometres of ocean.

It earlier said the search had been hampered by low visibility caused by clouds and rain.

News that possible plane parts had been found marked a new phase in the emotional roller coaster for distraught relatives of the passengers, who have criticized Malaysia harshly for not releasing timely information about the plane. While they still hope their loved ones will somehow be found, they acknowledged that news of the debris could mean the plane plunged into the ocean.

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Another false lead?

The hunt for the Boeing 777 has had several false leads

- Oil slicks were spotted early along the plane's original route, but they did not contain jet fuel.
- A yellow floating object turned out to be trash.
- Chinese satellite images showed possible debris, but nothing was found.
- Out of a total of 29 aircraft, 18 ships and six ship-borne helicopters deployed in the operation, only four aircraft are now scouring the north.
- Malaysian officials say the search continues on land and in sea, but now efforts are mostly concentrated south of the equator over the vast Indian Ocean.

Thrill seeker. Boy, 16, charged after climbing 1 World Trade Center spire

1 World Trade Center
ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

A 16-year-old boy described as a thrill seeker bypassed an inattentive security guard in the middle of the night and climbed a ladder to the spire of 1 World Trade Center in New York City, where he apparently took pictures, authorities said Thursday.

Justin Casquejo was arrested at 6 a.m. local time Sunday at America's tallest building and was charged with misdemeanour criminal trespass, police said. Nobody answered the door Thursday at his Weehawken, New Jersey, home.

According to a criminal complaint, Casquejo was quoted as telling police: "I walked around the construction site and figured out how to access the Freedom Tower rooftop. I found a way up through the scaffolding, climbed onto the 6th floor, and took the elevator up to the 88th floor. I then took the staircase up to 104th (floor). I went to the rooftop and climbed the ladder all the way to the antenna."

He was arrested on-site, and his camera and cellphone were seized after authorities obtained a search warrant, said Joe Pentangelo, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police department. The Port Authority owns the trade centre site.

According to court papers, Casquejo was released without bail after being arraigned early Monday on one count of third-degree criminal trespass and one count of trespass.

Authorities were still trying to determine the teen's motive. WABC-TV reported that he took pictures from the top of the building, where he stayed for about two hours.

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Saskatchewan. Premier touts Russian booze ban over Ukraine's crisis

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says the province is considering banning Russian booze in government-run liquor stores because of Russia's actions in Ukraine.

Wall says it's a small measure, but sends a strong statement. He cautions that international trade can be complicated, so he wants to work with Ottawa to find what sanctions are planned.

Ukraine's turmoil hits home for many people in Saskatchewan where about 13 per cent of the population has Ukrainian roots. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Some dog millionaire. Tibetan mastiff breed a status symbol for China's super rich

A man working for a dog breeder bids farewell to two Tibetan mastiffs he had been caring for outside a hotel in Tongxiang city in east China's Zhejiang province on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Chinese dog breeder said Thursday that a property developer paid him 18 million yuan ($3 million) for Tibetan mastiff twins, highlighting how the breed has become a status symbol for China's rich.

The large, slobbery dog with massive amounts of hair used to be best known for herding sheep in Tibet, but has now become a luxury for the ultra-rich who want to spread their wealth beyond stocks and real estate.

Breeder Zhang Gengyun said he sold the 1-year-old twin male dogs to a single buyer at a luxury dog fair Tuesday in wealthy Zhejiang province, located on China's east coast.

One of the twins, a golden-haired Tibetan mastiff, was sold for $12 million yuan, and his red-haired brother went for $6 million yuan.

Zhang said the buyer paid him the 18 million yuan with his credit card. He denied the sale was a ploy by breeders to hype the price of Tibetan mastiffs and said he was reluctant to sell the twins. "It's a real deal," he said.

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Central African Republic. Turmoil at 'terrifying level,' UN official says

Navi Pillay SALVATORE DI NOLFI/KEYSTONE/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The UN's top human rights official warned Thursday that the hatred between Christian and Muslim communities in Central African Republic is "at a terrifying level" and a state of near-anarchy means even those carrying bloody machetes and holding severed body parts in their hands are not arrested.

Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, described the situation as "almost total impunity" with "no justice, no law and order apart from that provided by foreign troops." Some 6,000 African peacekeepers and 2,000 French troops are working to stabilize the country, though have a limited presence outside the capital of Bangui.

"I cannot help thinking that if the Central African Republic were not a poor country hidden away in the heart of Africa, the terrible events that have taken place — and continue to take place — would have stimulated a far stronger and more dynamic reaction by the outside world," Pillay said at a news conference in Bangui wrapping up her three-day visit.

"How many more children have to be decapitated, how many more women and girls will be raped, how many more acts of cannibalism must there be, before we really sit up and pay attention?"

Central African Republic descended into chaos one year ago when an alliance of mostly Muslim rebel groups in the country's north overthrew Francois Bozize, the president of a decade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair JOHNNY HORNE/THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

U.S. general avoids jail time, gets docked $20K

A U.S. Army general who had a three-year affair with a captain and had two other inappropriate relationships with subordinates was reprimanded and docked $20,000 in pay Thursday, avoiding jail time in one of the military's most closely watched trials.

Legal experts, a women's group and members of Congress condemned the sentence as shockingly light.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair was believed to be the highest-ranking U.S. military officer ever court-martialed on sexual-assault charges, but earlier this week those charges were dropped when he pleaded guilty to inappropriate relationships.

Sinclair, 51, smiled and hugged his two lawyers in the courtroom.

The case unfolded with the Pentagon under heavy pressure to confront what it has called an epidemic of rape and other sexual misconduct in the ranks.

Retired Rear Adm. Jamie Barnett, a lawyer who helped represent the captain, said the woman was disappointed with the sentence.

"A sentence doesn't take away any of the pain and anguish that she has endured," Barnett said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supreme Court

No appeal for Turcotte

The Supreme Court of Canada said Thursday it won't hear an appeal by a former Quebec cardiologist who is facing a new double-murder trial in the slayings of his young children.

Guy Turcotte was originally found not criminally responsible in the 2009 stabbing deaths, a decision that enraged many Quebecers.

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British Columbia

Look out, Porky

If they've got any sense, these pigs should fly — or at least find a really good hiding place.

The provincial government has declared open season on feral pigs, animals that have escaped from farms around B.C. and are now eating their way through local vegetation, uprooting crops and competing with native wildlife.

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Class action. GM lawsuits loom over ignitions

Class-action lawsuits against General Motors are beginning to pile up over the automaker's handling of defective ignition switches in 1.6 million small cars worldwide.

About 235,000 of those cars were sold in Canada, and at least two law firms are seeking to represent people who are looking for compensation, adding to several other suits in the United States.

Over the past week, Merchant Law Group LLP filed claims against the Detroit-based auto maker in Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan, saying that GM knowingly misled customers about safety issues by hiding its knowledge of the ignition problems.

Windsor, Ont.-based law firm Sutts, Strosberg LLP, which handles many class-action cases, recently posted a message in a local newspaper seeking GM vehicle owners.

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Gum bubble has popped

A garbage bin sits full of bubble gum at Yankee Stadium, in New York in 2010. U.S. gum sales have tumbled 11 per cent over the past four years. No one in the industry can pinpoint a single factor that's causing the decline — the theories include an unwillingness to shell out $2 US or more for a pack in the bad economy or that advertising veered too far from underlining gum's cavity-fighting benefits.

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Ont. kickstarting new rules on crowdfunding

Crowdsourcing ideas. Province leads way on proposed regulations for businesses raising funds from individuals online

The Ontario Securities Commission is proposing new rules to allow start-ups and early-stage businesses to raise up to $1.5 million a year from individuals through registered crowdfunding web portals.

Several other agencies in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia said Thursday they'll also publish the Ontario proposals for comment at the same time.

Entrepreneurs use crowdfunding to pitch their ideas directly to large numbers of consumers, who then invest typically small amounts in the startup.

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WHAT HOT LOOKS LIKE IN CANADA

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1 The "most hated man in America" dies. It's not everyday that "84-year-old preacher dies of natural causes" trends big on Twitter. But Fred Phelps was not just any 84-year-old preacher from Kansas. He was often called "the most hated man in America" for his over-the-top, anti-gay protests. Fred and his followers explained the massacre of the little kids at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., as God's wrath for America's acceptance of homosexuality. He would turn up at military burials carrying signs that said "God Hates Fags" and "Thank God for Dead Soldiers." No one knows where Fred is today, but it's probably as hot as …

2 Katy Perry. Just so we keep all this in perspective. There's hot and there's Katy-Perry hot. Since her new video was released on Feb. 20, it has been viewed 122,263,013 times. What do you expect from someone who has 51 million Twitter followers? She wiggles her nose and it's a global event. The video in question is an amusing parable of ancient Egypt, featuring Katy in various fanciful Egyptian queen outfits hip-hop dancing. And it wouldn't be a Katy Perry video without a controversy: In this one, a suitor is turned to dust while wearing a pendant that appears to display the word Allah in Arabic. After a petition of 100,000 names was collected demanding YouTube remove the video, Katy's team digitally removed the pendant. What pendant?

3 Oh, yeah, Vladimir Putin invades Crimea. Putin, by contrast, has 20,851 followers. He takes over Crimea on Tuesday and his followers increase by 262. That perspective thing.

4 Alison Redford rides off into the Alberta sunset. She's no Katy Perry, but it wasn't so long ago that Alison Redford could be considered the Queen of Alberta, if not the Queen of the Nile. But her fortunes went a---backwards recently as she stubbornly refused to pay back expenses incurred on a trip to Nelson Mandela's funeral. By the time she gave in it was too late. Members of her caucus started resigning and she faced a revolt from as many as two dozen MLAs. Given no choice, she resigned, eclipsing the earlier resignation this week of national Tory Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. That's what "hot" looks like in Canada.

5 Not hot. At all. The first day of spring officially began on Thursday at 12:57. You might have missed it if your sun dial was buried under the snow. Thanks to global warming, spring begins about three weeks earlier than it did in the '70s, according to National Geographic. That's good news in places like Winnipeg, which has just survived the third coldest winter in over a century.

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ZOOM

We've got cuteness on hand

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Tiny loris saved by zoo staff

Keepers at Paignton Zoo in Devon, southwest England are caring for a rare baby that weighed little more than a CD at birth. The pygmy slow loris (Nycticebus pygmaeus) — which weighed 22 grams when it was born — was one of two born to a first-time mother. Sadly, one twin did not survive and keepers stepped in to save the other when its mother abandoned it. **METRO**

Weighs as much as a dessert spoon

Seven keepers now take turns to feed the baby both day and night. As slow loris are nocturnal, the youngster is more active and needs more feeds overnight. Now, at around a month old, it has gone from 22 grams — less than a single AA battery — to over 30 grams — the weight of a dessert spoon. When fully grown the primate will only weigh around 500 grams or less. **METRO**

Quoted

"You have to take care not to squirt the milk into the lungs — you have to let the baby suckle at its own rate. We are just moving on to feeding some solids now — small amounts of mashed, boiled sweet potato."

Lewis Rowden, zookeeper

Where to find them

- **Habitat.** Jungles of south-eastern Asia.
- **Venom.** One of the only poisonous mammals in the world; loris inject venom through their sharp bite.
- **Status.** Endangered due to habitat loss and hunting for illegal pet trade.

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Letters

RE: And The Most Famous Canadian Is..., published March 19

I wish to express my dismay at Paul Sullivan's column discussing the problems with the recent MIT research project about the most famous Canadian. In his column, he made repeated reference to "somebody named Chris Benoit" who he has never heard of. For his reference, Chris Benoit is a former professional wrestler who murdered his wife and son before committing suicide.

I hope that in this case, Mr. Sullivan just couldn't be bothered to do a simple Google search to find out this information. The alternative is that he knew about Benoit and his actions, and still felt it suitable to use his name as a punchline to an otherwise decently-made point about the inaccuracy of the source list.

In either case, I feel that the repeated reference to Chris Benoit in this column was in very poor taste. I very much agree that I would not want to see Benoit listed as a famous Canadian, but not just because there are other Canadians deserving greater recognition.

I welcome Mr. Sullivan to apologize for this oversight.

Chuck Gibbons, Toronto

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SCENE

Synopsis

The story picks up one second after the last one ended. Kermit, Miss Piggy and the gang are on Hollywood Boulevard after their big comeback, wondering what to do next. A meeting with talent agent Dominic Badguy (Ricky Gervais) seems to provide an answer. Against Kermit's best judgment the Muppets accept Badguy's offer of a European tour to open in "the world capitol of comedy, Berlin, Germany." What they don't know is that Badguy is an associate of Constantine, the planet's most notorious criminal and a dead ringer for Kermit. The evil scheme is to replace Kermit with Constantine, and use the Muppets as a cover for an ingenious plan to steal the Crown Jewels. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Steve: ●●●○○

Kermit is joined by the usual suspects as he faces dastardly doppelgänger Constantine in Muppets Most Wanted. CONTRIBUTED

Muppets in heist gear

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Slapstick caper.
The Muppets roots are showing in cameo-packed sequel

Richard: Steve, the new film from Jim Henson's felt and fur creations is being billed as a sequel to the 2011 Jason Segel Muppets film, but it isn't really. It's more a return to the Muppet movies of old, packed to the gills with show biz in jokes, puns, songs and even a Swedish Chef homage to Ingmar Bergman. It's more akin to The Great Muppet Caper than the most recent movie. Segel's Muppet movie played heartstrings like Eric Clapton strums the blues; Muppets Most Wanted has more of an edge. Well, as much of an edge as a movie starring Kermit and Miss Piggy could have. Did you sense that?

Steve: I don't know if edge is quite the word I'd use to describe it. It's definitely got darker elements but unfortunately, the gimmicky plot of replacing Kermit with an evil doppelganger felt forced and less natural than Segel's earnest version. Of course, even the filmmakers were aware of that and smartly addressed the impossible expectation of sequels in the opening number. That kind of self-consciousness worked better in the last movie but I certainly thought the songs in Muppets Most Wanted surpassed the 2011 film. We even get to hear Ricky Gervais sing!

RC: I'm not sure I agree. The human characters — notably Gervais, Tina Fey as Nadya, a lusty Russian prison guard, and Ty Burrell as an outrageous Interpol agent — are just as broad as the puppets, which provides some laughs, but the emotional impact is blunted. To place it in an old Hollywood context, it's more the slapstick of Abbott and Costello than the restrained, sweet comedy of Charlie Chaplin. I liked Segel's take on the sweetness of the Muppets, but having said that, this movie made me laugh.

SG: It's true. It is fairly funny all the way through. It's probably slightly unfair to measure this film against its predecessors anyhow — even if it does lack some of the pure warmth of Segel's. And it was fun to see all the talent showing up in clever cameo appearances — especially Ray Liotta and Danny Trejo as prisoners-turned-aspiring showmen. However, even the sheer bulk of celebrities feels slightly distracting. They should just let the Muppets do the work.

RC: I agree. The Muppets bring a good deal of goodwill with them and the movie shines brighter as a result. It's hard not to giggle at the gags but an exchange between Fozzie and Walter hits a bit too close to an uncomfortable plot truth. "Looks like he's planning some kind of heist bit," Fozzie says of Constantine. "I hope not," replies Walter, "they never work." That's a gag, this one works, but because of the Muppets, not because of the human stars.

SG: In the end, the fans that are going to pay to see Muppets Most Wanted will already have a good idea what they're in for. Besides, as that aforementioned opening musical number states, "everyone knows the sequel's not quite as good."

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The 2011 reboot of The Muppets gave new life to the singing and dancing animal troupe that enjoyed a first wave of fame in the 1970s and '80s. The success of The Muppets lead to the upcoming sequel, Muppets Most Wanted, in which the gang gets sucked into a jewel-heist caper by a dastardly Kermit the Frog lookalike. Framed for crimes they didn't commit, the Muppets' rap sheets are out, so the public can help track them down

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Muppets Most Wanted!

Kermit the Frog

Alias: The Green One, Kermie, La Rana René in Mexico, Caco o Sapo in Brazil

Distinguishing characteristics: Known to play the banjo and sing, this frog from humble swamp beginnings dates a pig and has a history of leading hordes of animals in the pursuit of becoming rich and famous.

Miss Piggy

Alias: Piggy

Distinguishing characteristics: In an on-again, off-again relationship with Mr. The Frog, Miss Piggy is known for her dramatic entrances, her "Hi-YAH" karate chops and a temper that is only outmatched by her feminine wiles.

Gonzo

Alias: The Great Gonzo, Gonzo the Great

Distinguishing characteristics: With a crooked nose and predilection for dating chickens (Camilla is his steady GF), Gonzo's species has never been identified. The blue Muppet is known for his daredevil stunt performances but also has steady work as a plumber.

Walter

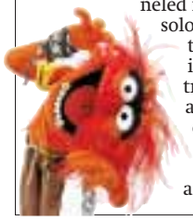
Alias: No known alias

Distinguishing characteristics: A lifelong fanboy of the Muppets, Walter worked his way into the inner circle of Muppetdom when in 2011 he saved the group from having its studio and name bought by the evil Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) in The Muppets.

Animal

Alias: AH-NI-MAL!!!!!!

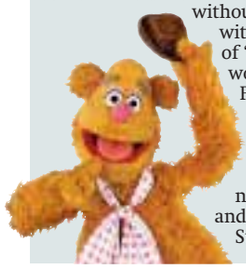
Distinguishing characteristics: Speaking only in verbs and nouns, this drummer for Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem has a monosyllabic power that is channeled into his fierce drum solo freakouts. Under the tutelage of Jack Black in 2011, Animal was treated for anger management issues, but eschewed the therapy in favor of reuniting with the Muppets as a drummer again.



Fozzie

Alias: Fozziwig

Distinguishing characteristics: This bear comedian is unable to tell a bad pun joke without punctuating it with an exclamation of "wocka wocka wocka!" As Mr. The Frog's right hand man, Fozzie can take command of the Muppet horde, hibernates occasionally and drives a vintage Studebaker.



Pepe the King Prawn

Alias: Pepino Rodrigo Serrano Gonzales, The Crustacean Casanova

Distinguishing characteristics: This six-limbed Spaniard joined the Muppets in 1999 with Muppets from Space. Known as an artist and "crustacean Casanova" to females of most species, the tiny-headed shrimp lets his accent do most of the romancing. He is known to enjoy donning a pink tutu, particularly for the film Prawn Lake.

Scooter

Alias: No known alias

Distinguishing characteristics: As a top logistics man for the Muppet operation, the green sport jacket-clad stage manager is the coordinator extraordinaire for most any Muppet caper. Before their reunion in 2011 (The Muppets) Scooter enjoyed a full-time gig at Google.

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SXSW roles that got us going

Film fest farewell roundup. Three guys and a funny gal who turned our heads

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As we bid this year's SXSW film festival adieu, here's a look at some of the individual performances that really got our attention, hopefully making their way to a theater near you before too long.

John Gallagher Jr. — The Heart Machine
John Gallagher Jr. follows up last year's fest-winning Short Term 12 with The Heart Machine, by first-time writer-director Zachary Wigon, about a man (Gallagher) who starts to suspect his long-distance girlfriend isn't as far away as she's led him to believe.

On examining paranoia and suspicion in romantic relationships:
"Someone once told me if you're playing poker, one of the worst things you can do is go full tilt, which is when you start spiraling out of control. You start second-guessing everything, and it's really an altered state," Gallagher says. "That is certainly something that I've felt in past relationships when I've become suspicious or jealous or convinced that I'm not being told the full story. Logic just goes absolutely out the window immediately. I loved the idea of my character in the film spending the whole movie in that place, because it's a terrible place to operate from, and it's an awful feeling."

On using Skype on the set:
"I remember the script and being really scared that you'd have to shoot them separately or something or that you actually wouldn't be able to do it in real time together, but Zach made it very apparent immediately that the intention was fully each time we would always be acting with each other on the screen," he says.

Josh Lucas — The Mend
The Sweet Home Alabama and American Psycho star has always been a tricky one to peg down, and here he goes off the rails completely as Mat, a dilapidated wastrel who commandeers his younger brother's apartment and generally makes a mess in director John Magary's feature debut.

On the unique psychology of Mat:
"This is a guy I feel who's justifying giving up. It's a guy who has lost, and he's basically saying, 'I lost because I don't give a f—.'" Lucas says. "And the reality is they went hand in hand. He started to lose because he didn't give a f—. It's a kind of personality that to be honest with you, more and more in my life, I'm trying to stay away from thinking those thoughts,

John Gallagher Jr. in The Heart Machine. CONTRIBUTED

because they lead to where he goes which is basically homelessness, really. My sense is he's kind of rotting from within. Look, I know there are times in my life where I've drank too much, smoked too much, and this is a guy who's always in this space where his insides just don't feel good. I think in a sense he's constantly hungover, and that feeling is there even when he's not."

On doing it old-school:
"This is something I'm really frustrated by these days with filmmaking: Hand-held is really f—ing lazy. It really is. And it's really often quite hard to watch. We're getting used to this lazy quality of filmmaking that way. And this was precise, preparation, 'This shot with this camera movie,' and I feel it throughout the whole movie. It makes a big difference."

Rosa Salazar — May the Best Man Win
In the fairly low-brow and male-dominated world of prank comedy that dominates the envelope-pushing May the Best Man Win, Rosa Salazar doesn't only hold her own against her male co-stars, she easily outshines them. It's easy to see why her male counterparts (Whitmer Thomas and Drew Tarver) would engage in an escalating series of dangerous dares to win her affections.

On the freedom of improvisation while pulling pranks:
"There was so much freedom, especially when you're with one of the victims," Salazar says. "When you're with a mark you can say whatever you want because you have to to get them to go that way to get the best stuff from them. I was pretty OK with everything. I was hoping we would cross a few lines."

On what she's learned about herself during this process:
"I'm starting to feel like I'm not a human with human emotions," she says. "I mean, I have no shame. I auditioned, and I remember on the way there being like, 'This is going to be so f—ing fun.' The audition was the audition prank, and I was like, 'I get to hit people?'"

Harry Lloyd — Big Significant Things
British actor Harry Lloyd has played some pretty dastardly characters on Game of Thrones and Doctor Who, but those paled in comparison to the challenge of passing himself off as American in Big Significant Things, in which he plays a young man running away from his life for quick trip to the South all by himself.

On tapping into suspended adolescence:
"It's a very male thing. 'I'm going to do good things, I'm going to do something that a woman would be proud of, but first of all I need to do something just silly and stupid for myself because I'm still a little boy secretly.' And I understand that," he says. "I think it's a weird time to be a guy. I mean, I don't have any point of comparison since I've only been a guy the time I've been a guy, but yeah. The fact that we had these childhoods where we were told we could do anything, and we didn't fight a war, our parents didn't fight a war, so we were promised it all. And then at what point do you think, actually no, I need to pick something and get on with it and the world isn't different for me and just kind of join the human race?"

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Drama

Gloria

Director. Sebastián Lelio

Stars. Paulina Garcia, Sergio Hernández

Gloria is a "woman of a certain age" but still feels young. Though lonely, she makes the best of her situation and fills her nights seeking love at social dance clubs for single adults. Her fragile happiness changes the day she meets Rodolfo. Their intense passion leaves her vacillating between hope and despair — until she uncovers a new strength and realizes she can shine brighter than ever.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 99% **Audience:** 65 %

Drama

Like Father, Like Son

Director. Hirokazu Koreeda

Stars. Masaharu Fukuyama, Yoko Maki

Ryota (Masaharu Fukuyama) is a successful Tokyo architect who works long hours to provide for his wife, Midori (Machiko Ono) and six-year-old son, Keita. But when a blood test reveals Keita and another baby were switched at birth, two very different families are thrown together while Ryota confronts what it means to be a father.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 90% **Audience:** 91 %

Action/Sci-fi

Divergent

Director. Neil Burger

Stars. Kate Winslet, Theo James

This is an action-adventure is set in a world where people are divided into factions based on human virtues. Tris Prior (Shailene Woodley) is warned she is Divergent and will never fit into any one group. When she discovers a conspiracy by a faction leader (Kate Winslet) to destroy all Divergents, Tris must learn to trust in the mysterious Four (Theo James) and tfind out what makes being Divergent so dangerous before it's too late.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: **Audience:**
No reviews yet

Andy Garcia gets into mob mentality

Playing it old-school. Godfather III actor helped develop his real-life gangster role in Rob the Mob

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Andy Garcia CHARLES SYKES/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twenty-four years after The Godfather: Part III, Andy Garcia has graduated to mob boss, playing real-life gangster Big Al in director Raymond De Felitta's Rob the Mob. The true-life tale recounts the crime family's undoing at the hands to two unwitting small-time crooks (Michael Pitt and Nina Arianda).

Our culture continues to be drawn to organized crime stories.
I think it's part of a genre that all the generations have grown up with, if you look back to the days of James Cagney and Bogart. It's permeated the tapestry of American film. And then The Godfather, obviously, was a pretty sensational book about it, and film. And between the Godfather films and Goodfellas and some of the other works that explored the Italian-American cinematic existence, it's part of our fascination and a genre unto itself.

You're playing a very domesticated crime boss.
We wanted to try to do something when we started to develop the character and the part, to try to do something hopefully was not a character that has been visited before and try to shed some perspective on who this person might be. So we ended up being more interested in his domestic side. Ray and the writers and I all collaborated on this new arc that wasn't initially in the original draft.

It's a nice counterpoint to John Gotti, who's criticized in the film for being too flashy.
Right, right. Yeah, this is a throwback more to the guy who doesn't want to be noticed, you know? He's just a guy in the neighborhood who has a food business. That's akin a lot to the old Meyer Lansky types, where people know what he's about, but he's just an old, retired Jewish man who walks his dog up and down Collins Avenue.

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Divergent (PG) Fri-Sun 7:35
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon-Thu
Non-Stop (PG) Fri-Sun 7:30
Ride Along (14A) Fri-Sun 9:20

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300: Rise of an Empire (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Divergent (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:50-9:40
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:35-7:15
Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:20-7:10-9:15
Muppets Most Wanted (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:30-7-9:25
Need for Speed (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:55-9:35
Noah (STC) Thu 7-9:40
Non-Stop (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:25-7:20-9:45

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That Awkward Moment (14A) Fri-Sat 1-3:10-8-10:20 Sun 3:30-8:10-10:20 Mon 1-3:10-10:20 Tue-Wed 1:20-3:35-7:30-9:50 Thu 1:20-3:35-9:45
Veronica Mars (PG) Fri 4:25-7 Sat 6:10-8:30 Sun 3:30-6 Mon-Thu 4:25-7

Leguizamo brings R-rated Ghetto Klown to HBO

Last autobiographical performance. The candid method actor and comedian has taken the traumatic moments from his life and made them funny in order to move on

John Leguizamo bares all in Ghetto Klown. CRAIG BLANKEHORN/HBO

When to watch

- Ghetto Klown airs Saturday at 10 p.m. on HBO Canada.

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Those who couldn't catch John Leguizamo's one-man career retrospective, Ghetto Klown, when it was on Broadway and on tour now have another chance to see the rowdy, emotional performance: It's coming to HBO Canada Saturday night.

After four stand-up specials for HBO, Leguizamo is comfortable baring all on stage (emotionally, that is). "You do develop a callus," he says. But Leguizamo wouldn't be able to be so vulnerable if he weren't in tune with himself — a practice that he credits his therapist in helping him with.

"You can't have a show like this and not go to therapy," says the actor and comedian, who is very open about the fact that he sees a therapist. You have to be very self-aware and want to be self-aware to be able to write a show about yourself, and a good show."

Leguizamo says that there was no way he could present an honest account of his life without touching upon negative experiences ("The audience knows when you're fast-forwarding," he says). He believes that turning his tough times — like his tough relationship with his dad and his divorce — into art help him reframe the narrative and move on from them.

"A lot of artists use art to take control of it," he says. "You recreate it lots of times until you can let it go.

"I'm taking all my traumatic moments, making them funnier than they actually were, but reworking them and having control over them this time, as opposed to them controlling me. When you're making the art you're the god, and then you can see all the sides of it and it gives you distance. Then it's not so toxic."

The show took eight years to develop, and Leguizamo worked to ensure it ran "like a clock."

"I'm one person and I'm doing a lot of emotional things," he says. "I have to have certain things be right on time and right on schedule so that I can just be a springboard and fly, not thinking about anything." Being a method actor helps, he adds, because "it teaches you how to be crazy in front of a lot of people."

Leguizamo says Ghetto Klown is his "magnum opus" and that it's his last autobiographical performance. Up next, he'll be doing a political or historical performance of vignettes, in a tribute to his hero, Jonathan Winters.

"This is my masterpiece. This is it. I'm not spending eight years on anything anymore — I can't do that. That was an incredible marathon, and it was worth the run, but now I need to do something totally different."

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Not for the kids. Leguizamo's wife, Justine, has seen Ghetto Klown, but his two teenagers haven't — and won't until they've graduated college, he says. "They know it's inappropriate and they're not allowed," he says. "It's a lot of personal things that I'm not ready to share with them." By the time they're 21 though, "they'll have life experience," he says. "They'll understand a little bit."

- **Wild and crazy.** Sometimes Leguizamo's Broadway audience took the show's party atmosphere to the next level. "I love the reactions from the audience and I think that's part of what feeds the show, but yeah, in the end it's still a theater piece," he says. "You know, Broadway for some reason, the owners felt like my show could tolerate people bringing the drinks to their chairs, in super-size cups, so there was a lot of inappropriate behaviour going on in my theatre." And we're talking more than phones going off. "I almost crashed head to head with this guy because he ran onstage as I was going offstage," he says.

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After 18 years, chick lit is now all grown up

Back in 1997 when Jane Green released her first novel, Straight Talking, there was no such thing as chick lit. Green, along with a few other authors at the time, became the founding writers of what went on to become a billion dollar genre.

"Helen Fielding wrote Bridget Jones's Diary and Straight Talking came out three or four months later and there were a couple other books in England that came out around the same time," Green tells us.

"A newspaper ran a double-spread article about us and said we had created this new genre, chick lit. And that's really how it started."

Green has made a career writing commercial women's fiction and is releasing her 15th book, Tempting Fate, on March 25. According to her, writing for women now is very different than it was 18 years ago.

"When I first started writing, [chick lit] was aspirational. You had these huge sexy, glitzy sagas about women who conquered the world. They weren't very real, but they were huge fun. I think what we did was introduce a genre that really held a mirror to women and held it with great honesty and humor," she says. "I don't think there was a genre of books where women were able to read and say, 'I've been there. That's exactly what my life is like.'" Her new novel is about infidelity and full of so many "what ifs?" and "then whats?" that it makes it impossible not to devour the book in just a few sittings.

As Green has gotten older, so have her characters. The principal character in Tempting Fate isn't a 20- or 30-something trying to figure out her relationship status; it's a woman in her 40s on the brink of a midlife crisis.

"My days of writing about women in their 20s and 30s are over," Green says.

"I've always drawn on my own life. … All the sudden in my 40s, I noticed a number of women who announced they'd been unhappy for years and unbearably it turned out these women were having affairs. I started to really look at female infidelity and in particular what happens to a woman in her 40s. Why am I seeing so many women being unfaithful? What is going on?"

Green is contractually obligated to release two books a year, so even though she is just now celebrating the release of Tempting Fate, her 16th book is already done and she's currently at work on the 17th.

"My next book is called Saving Grace and is about an older man married to a younger women. They take on an assistant who seems perfect in every way, but within a short period of time, she starts systematically destroying their lives," she reveals. Sounds just about right.

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Author Jane Green IAN WARBURG

All-female cover bands steal show from male mentors

Cover girls. Rock 'n' roll rebels give macho material a much-needed makeover

Vag Halen lead singer Vanessa Dunn performs in Toronto. ALEJANDRO SANTIAGO

Clutching the microphone in her leather-gloved hand, Vanessa Dunn strutted onstage with wild abandon, crouching toward the swaying crowd as she wailed about giving "every inch" of her love.

A beat later, the frontwoman for Toronto's Vag Halen whipped off her tank top to belt out the rest of Led Zeppelin's Whole Lotta Love bare-chested.

Inside the Art Gallery of Ontario, where the show was held last June, the crowd roared its approval.

For Dunn, the gesture felt "incredibly natural," she said in a recent interview — nothing more than what male rock stars have done for decades without anyone batting an eye.

But even a casual move can sometimes send a powerful message, the singer discovered after receiving a letter from a fan.

"This woman was telling me there was just this energy that happened in the room that was like ... 'We could do that, too. Someone just did what all of us want to do,'" she said.

"That's what I've heard more, that when they see me up there and all of us up there doing what we do onstage, it's more like, 'Oh, it's for the taking, I can do that.'"

A rising star on the burgeoning scene of all-female cover and tribute bands — the group played at the Venice Biennale last May — Vag Halen makes no bones about reclaiming rock and roll's traditionally male, heterosexual voice.

Quoted

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Vanessa Dunn, frontwoman, Vag Halen
on women's reactions to her band

It's a way of making peace with beloved but often problematic hits from rock heavyweights such as Led Zeppelin, Guns N' Roses and the band's namesake Van Halen, Dunn said, while creating more space for women in an industry where they still face significant barriers.

"It's using the gun that was pointed at you back on somebody else," she said.

The movement has drawn high-profile praise, including frompop culture writer Chuck Klosterman, who once wrote that the American group Lez Zeppelin might be "the most powerful all-female band in rock history."

And Sheezer, a Toronto mainstay in recent years, got Weezer's stamp of approval when lead singer Rivers Cuomo mentioned the band in a tweet.

Yet some in the scene are less eager to draw attention to the politics surrounding their act, though they acknowledge it's impossible to skirt the issue entirely.

"All-female bands are not as common as all-male bands," and inevitably stand out as a result, said Carly Beath, lead singer of the Toronto-based Nirvana tribute band Hervana, which had its first show this month.

The group came together last year, its members all accomplished musicians in their 30s who "just happen to be women" and don't want to be defined by their gender, Beath said.

Many all-female tribute bands deliberately choose groups with misogynist lyrics, but Hervana's source material already has a feminist slant, so it's more a matter of celebrating rather than reclaiming it, she said.

"Nirvana songs are the songs I first learned to play when I was learning guitar, so we thought it would be fun to go back to the songs we started with," she said.

The same goes for Sheezer, whose main goal is to have fun playing music they love, the band's agent Jen Rogers said.

Dunn argues women-only tribute bands can't help but be subversive, whether they intend it or not.

"If you're going to do covers and choose an all-male catalogue ... that's inherently feminist," she said.

That the message comes in a fun, energetic performance helps explain the appeal, said Ken McLeod, an assistant professor of history and culture at the University of Toronto.

"It's managing not to take itself too seriously" while delivering a mix of critique and homage, he said. "It's fun and political at the same time."

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Somehow, she just didn't ever see it coming

Most people pride themselves on knowing when someone is lying. When we hear about former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer's outrageous illicit affairs or Bernie Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme, we look at their wives and think, "She must have known, right? How could she not have?" This "should have known" belief is the idea behind Jean Hanff Korelitz's latest novel.

The book's protagonist is Grace, a therapist living the life she's always wanted.

Married to a sympathetic pediatric oncologist, she has just written a highly anticipated self-help book cautioning women to hear what men are telling them at the very beginning of a relationship. But when Grace's husband goes missing and she finds herself in the middle of a media frenzy, she's left wondering how she could have missed her own advice.

According to Korelitz, you'd be surprised how many smart women have their own "should have known" moment.

"The British publisher asked everyone who worked at the publishing company to submit their 'should have known' moments and I got to pick the winner," she says. "These women are very, very smart. They're working for this great publisher, yet they all seem to have some story where you wanted to look at them and think, 'Really? Really?'"

The winner of the aforementioned contest was a woman who went on a first date with a guy who told her that he saw sexuality as free-flowing and not something you can put in a box.

"She dated him for years and, of course, he turned out to be gay," Korelitz muses.

vels — among them Admission — this one is about a smart, independent woman who isn't entirely likeable.

"Every single one of my novels starts with a woman who seems to have her s— together but is destroyed by the middle or end of the book," she says. "If this is an unconscious choice, it's so unconscious that it might as well be conscious. It's an overwhelming comparative, almost, to look at these women and basically take them apart and strip them down and see what's left."

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Video game review

Name. South Park: The Stick Of Truth

For. PS3/Xbox 360/PC

Rated. Mature 17+

It's hard to keep the jokes going for two hours, let alone 20, but this mature-comedy adventure had me roaring from start to finish. Exceptional writing makes this epic role-playing game feel like a South Park movie, capturing the way kids re-enact their stories only to use that to break every adult taboo. Yes, there's fart-based magic and underpants gnomes, but shockingly explicit material involving Nazi recordings and abortions too. The gameplay is an admirable mix of exploring and mini-games, the best being an 8-bit adventure to Canada.

KRIS ABEL

3 songs for the weekend

SOUND CHECK
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Courtney Barnett, an '80s revival and a tribute that is pretty, pretty, pretty good

Avant Gardener/ Courtney Barnett

My hands-down favourite new tune of the month. Beyond the deadpan delivery are lyrics that are surreal, inventive and witty. It's only later you realize she's singing about having an anaphylactic panic attack. Brilliant, really.

How Deep is the Hole/ACTORS

Cold wave (with a touch of New Romanticism) from Vancouver that takes you back to 1984. Pairs well with Interpol, Editors and old-school Depeche Mode.

The Seinfeld Reunion/Larry David

You've probably been hoping for a bunch of grindcore/death guys to form a band just so they could record an album based entirely on Curb Your Enthusiasm's Larry David. Well, your prayers have been answered. Definitely NSFW. Or anything else.

Canada's A-list

Arcade Fire, Sarah McLachlan added as Juno performers

Arcade Fire, OneRepublic and Sarah McLachlan have been added to the list of performers at the upcoming Juno Awards.

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, which runs the televised music bash, says OneRepublic will perform their latest single, Counting Stars, while McLachlan will debut the song Beautiful Girl from her upcoming album, Shine On.

Arcade Fire, however, will appear via a taped performance due to touring commitments. The Montreal-based band — scheduled to be in Chile that same weekend — is up for a leading six nominations, including album of the year.

The Juno Awards, co-hosted by Classified, Johnny Reid and Serena Ryder, take place March 30 in Winnipeg and air on CTV. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Weir through: Skating star announces marriage has frozen over

Figure skating star Johnny Weir has split from his husband of two years, Victor Voronov. "It is with great sadness that I announce that my husband and I are no longer together," Weir wrote on Twitter. "My heart hurts, and I wish him well."

Skating star Weir, who, along with partner Tara Lipinski, made a big splash at the 2014 Winter Olympics with their snappy commentary and even snappier outfits, has been married to Voronov, a Georgetown law grad, for two years. The Weir-Voronovs were in court on March 4 for a domestic violence incident, during which Weir allegedly bit Voronov, according to Page Six. Just last month, Weir spoke to Access Hollywood about his relationship and mentioned the stresses of married life.

"A marriage between two guys is different than what I imagine a marriage between a man and a woman (to be)," he said. "I mean, we're both constantly trying to fight to wear the pants in the relationship."

"It's constant fireworks," Johnny added. "It's very boom, boom, boom."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Just call her Debbie Downer Diaz

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

"Everybody has been cheated on, everyone will be cheated on. I can't fix that, I don't know how," Cameron Diaz tells the British edition of OK! Magazine. (Editor's note: Please don't confuse The Diaz by telling her it is possible to not cheat on someone if you just decide not to cheat on someone.) Diaz is also fine without having kids, because that means she can travel. (Editor's note: Please don't confuse The Diaz by telling her it is possible to buy your child a plane ticket.) "We are tribal, we need our tribe," she says. "I have a bunch of little tribes all over the world that I pop to for a little bit of time, and then I move on. And that's the great thing about being mobile. A lot of my friends have kids and they are stuck, planted in one place, and I kind of get to pop into all the different little tribes around the world and hang out for a little bit."

Lindsay Lohan

Did Lindsay give her sober living coach the heave-Lo?

Lindsay Lohan's vows to lead a cleaner life post-rehab are coming into question since she reportedly fired her sober living coach, Michael Cormier, once filming had been completed on her Oprah Winfrey-produced reality show, according to Radar Online. "Lindsay immediately hired Michael to be her sober living coach and companion. He moved from Los Angeles to New York City to be with her 24-7," a source says. "But as soon as the cameras were packed up, Lindsay gave Michael the pink slip, and he hasn't heard from her since." The cost of such a service might have been a factor for the often cash-strapped starlet: "This wasn't cheap for Lindsay, as Michael charges up to $1,500 a day," the source explains.

Twitter

@KChenoweth
Dear mini bar people, why are all little packages of food wrapped in government plastic which make it impossible for me to get into

@TomArnold
Those people that think it would be fun to do a movie with a bunch of f-ing dogs deserve to do a movie with a bunch of f-ing dogs.

@MichaelChiklis
When in doubt, do nothing...the correct course will become clear

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Playing wine favourites

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Wine writers make the worst customers. Short of trying the new vintage of a familiar brand, our quest to taste everything makes buying a wine more than once unlikely.

That doesn't mean that you shouldn't play favourites. In fact, I recommend that everyone should have at least 10 go-to wines that have proven themselves consistent, versatile and fun to drink (whether with a particular dish or on their own).

Having a Top 10 means you're always ready with a bottle you know will deliver — especially when you're invited to the boss's house for dinner or want to show off your wine savvy to friends.

A reliable Chianti needs to be on your list. Made primarily from the sangiovese grape, it's the quintessential Tuscan red.

The 2009 Ruffino Riserva Ducale ($24.95 - $34.99) comes from Chianti's Classico area — the oldest part of the region. Packed with chewy blackberry and cherry fruit, its flavour flow is massaged by bright acidity and dry, grippy tannins. Try it with rustic Italian dishes like osso buco, meaty lasagna and, of course, pizza.

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Even though it may not feel like it in certain parts of the country, spring has sprung. Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay helps us celebrate with a recipe that's both refreshing and light from her cookbook Fast, Fresh, Simple.

Greet spring with Cheat's Goat's Cheese Soufflé

This Cheat's Goat's Cheese Soufflé with Roasted Beetroot Salad serves four. DONNA HAY

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1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. Roasted beetroot salad: Trim, wash and scrub the beetroot, reserving the smaller leaves. Discard the stems. Place the beetroot and rosemary on a baking tray and sprinkle with oil and salt. Roast for 40 minutes or until tender. Set aside.

3. Soufflé: Place the cheese, cream, salt and egg yolks in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat until light and fluffy. Fold through the breadcrumbs.

4. Place the egg whites in a clean bowl and beat until soft peaks form. Fold the whites into the cheese mixture.

5. Spoon into 4 x 1½-cup capacity (375 ml) lightly greased ramekins and bake for 20–25 minutes or until puffed and golden. To serve, halve the larger beetroot and toss with the leaves. Whisk together the vinegar, oil, salt and pepper and spoon over the salad. Serve with the soufflé. **WATCH DONNA HAY FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE THURSDAYS STARTING AT 10 P.M. EST/PT ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

Ingredients

- 150 g soft goat's cheese
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) single (pouring) cream
- sea salt
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 cups (140 g) fresh white breadcrumbs

Roasted Beetroot Salad

- 600 g baby red and golden beetroot (beets)
- 6 rosemary sprigs
- olive oil and sea salt, for sprinkling
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- sea salt and cracked black pepper

Dessert

Cheat's Raspberry Brûlée

- 300 g frozen raspberries
- 1/3 cup (75 g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 1 1/2 cups (420 g) Greek-style thick natural yogurt
- 1 cup (250 ml) heavy cream
- 2 tbsp caster (superfine) sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Extra caster (superfine) sugar, for sprinkling

Place raspberries and sugar in saucepan over high heat and simmer 20 minutes or until mixture thickens. Spoon raspberry mixture into 4 x 1-cup capacity (250 ml) ovenproof dishes. Refrigerate until cold. Whisk yogurt, cream, sugar and vanilla until thick and spoon over raspberry mixture. Refrigerate until cold. Sprinkle with sugar and caramelize sugar with a kitchen blow torch until golden. **DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM**

The recipe serves four. DONNA HAY

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Hockey

Dineen to tackle under-18 job

Kevin Dineen led Canada's women to a gold medal at the Sochi Olympics, and his next task will be coaching the men's under-18 team at April's world championships in Finland.

"I think any time you get to represent Canada in international competition it's a real honour," Dineen said in a phone interview Thursday night. "Obviously with our success in Sochi, it was a great time for me to sit back and enjoy that."

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Spring training

Tigers struck down and out vs. Nats

Stephen Strasburg allowed three hits and struck out five in five scoreless innings Thursday, helping the Washington Nationals beat the Detroit Tigers 8-1.

Strasburg has given up one earned run and eight hits in 14 innings with 10 strikeouts and four walks.

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Spring training

Bautista's bat still blazing vs. Phillies

Jose Bautista extended his torrid spring training with a double and Esmil Rogers gave up just one run in five innings Thursday as the Blue Jays beat a Philadelphia Phillies split squad 3-1.

Bautista went 1-for-3, and is hitting .359 with five homers, four doubles and 11 RBIs. Erik Kratz homered twice and was 3-for-3, and Moises Sierra also connected for Toronto.

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Express refuse to roll over in London

NBL Canada. Windsor scrapes its way back into series with 4th-quarter rally vs. Lightning

Game 3

Express	Lightning
93	81

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This game was not for the faint of heart.

It was, quite frankly, a war on the hardwood, a brutal battle on both ends of the basketball court that had every bit as much bodily contact as any London-Windsor major-junior hockey game.

This was the Lightning and the Express — not the Knights and Spitfires — duelling in their third game in four nights and it showed.

Technical fouls, bad feelings and a general unrest were all in play along with, incidentally, some basketball.

In the end, the Lightning were outscored in three of four quarters and their four-game playoff winning streak came to and end.

Windsor shot their way to a 93-81 victory before 3,536 spectators and now trail the Lightning 2-1 in the National Basketball League of Canada best-of-seven conference final.

Game 4 is Sunday afternoon, also at the Budweiser Gardens.

"It's been a tough battle," Lightning general manager Taylor Brown, said in an understated sort of way. "Both teams are playing playoff basketball. It's pretty physical. We caught a break with them losing probably their top guy (guard Stefan Bonneau), but that doesn't mean they're going to back down."

Guard Tony Bennett, in a battle of words with the officials and the Express right up to and including the ceremonial hand shaking, scored 20 points to lead the Lightning. Garrett Williamson added 15 and Elvin Mims had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Temperamental guard Darren Duncan had 28 points for the Express and Quinnel Brown added 18.

The game started slowly for the home side with the London fans, in a relatively new tradition, standing for more than four minutes until the Lightning scored.

The challenge continued in the first quarter as they trailed by a game-high nine with three minutes left and five at the end. In the second, the Lightning bounced back and led 41-36 at the half.

In the third, the Lightning overcame questionable officiating — whew, it was bad — to keep their lead, albeit reduced to one, heading in the final quarter.

But the fourth began with a 12-4 run for the Express and they finished with a 30-17 edge to seal the victory.

The London Lightning's Darin Mency shoots against the Windsor Express on Thursday at Budweiser Gardens. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Diaz hopes stellar D lifts him out of A-ball

Blue Jays infielder Jonathan Diaz CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jonathan Diaz is easy to spot in the Blue Jays' clubhouse. Just look for a big smile atop a compact five-foot-nine, 155-pound body.

The 28-year-old Florida native is also hard to miss on the field — an elegant, mobile shortstop with a slick glove.

A career .230 hitter in the minors, Diaz is not likely to stick with a Jays club that already has Jose Reyes, Ryan Goins at second base and Maicer Izturis as a utility infielder.

But his skills have been on display again in the Jays' organization after a one-year stint with the Red Sox and former Jays manager John Farrell.

Taking after Tony

"It's a honour to be wearing that number. He was an unbelievable shortstop."

Jonathan Diaz who wears No. 1, the same number as Jays legend Tony Fernandez.

"I'd heard about them," Toronto manager John Gibbons said of Diaz's fielding talents.

"Everybody's always said you're not going to find a better shortstop or defender, period. You can put him anywhere out there."

Diaz has appeared in the infield and outfield this spring, often as a late-inning substitute.

But as of Wednesday, he was hitting .077 with one hit in 13 at-bats this spring. He knows defence is his ticket in baseball.

"I've always loved to be out there making plays and doing acrobatic things," he said. "Luckily that's kept me in the game for as long as it has."

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4 SPORTS

Ennis bred on competition in Brampton home

March Madness. Highly touted point guard's sporty family prepared him for success with Syracuse

Brampton, Ont.'s Tyler Ennis led Syracuse to a 77-53 win over Western Michigan on Thursday in the March Madness tournament. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

The mini basketball nets that hang all over Tyler Ennis's home in Brampton, Ont., have taken a beating over the years.

In a family of six athletic kids, everything becomes a competition.

The 19-year-old Ennis led the Syracuse Orange to a 77-53 victory over Western Michigan in their opening game of March Madness on Thursday, running the offence with a quiet confidence developed over years of playing alongside two older brothers.

"Very competitive," dad Tony McIntyre said of his kids. "Those Fisher Price nets, and the ones you hang on the door, they'd break those off. Then you'd hammer them into the ceiling in the basement. They'd break those.

"It would get heated. You'd have to break up fights. Out on the street when they'd play 2-on-2 or 1-on-1, someone would always end up upset and kicking the ball down the street."

Ennis, who led Syracuse to a No. 3 seed and the school's 37th berth in the NCAA tournament, scored 16 points and doled out six assists in Thursday's resounding victory in Buffalo.

"We had great energy and that's a key for us going forward," Ennis said. "We've got to play intense and play a full 40 minutes, and everybody was kind of locked in for that."

Ennis's 22-year-old brother Dylan — a sophomore guard at Villanova — was scheduled to play later Thursday in Buffalo when the Wildcats took on Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Tyler Ennis, one of a crop of rising Canadian stars playing in March Madness, led the Orange to a 25-0 start to this season and the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA for three consecutive weeks, before the Orange lost five of seven games down the regular-season stretch.

Ennis is a finalist for the Bob Cousy Award as the best point guard in the country, and is one of 15 finalists for the Wooden Award for the NCAA's top player, a list that includes Kansas swingman Andrew Wiggins of Vaughan and Michigan sharpshooter Nik Stauskas of Mississauga.

Ennis averaged 12.7 points, 5.6 assists and 2.1 steals per game, becoming the only freshman to ever lead the ACC in assists and steals.

Syracuse will play Dayton — and Ennis's former AAU teammate Dyshawn Pierre of Whitby, Ont. — in the third round Saturday. Dayton edged Ohio State 60-59. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jermaine Sanders of Cincinnati and Harvard's Kyle Casey battle for a loose ball in Spokane, Wash. Harvard, a 12th seed, won its second-ever NCAA tournament game, upsetting Cincinnati 61-57. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

David vs. Goliath

E. Kentucky looks for upset over Kansas

About the only thing Kansas and Eastern Kentucky have in common is that they are playing each other in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Jayhawks are the big, bruising bullies touting a roster stocked with five-star freshmen including Andrew Wiggins. The Colonels are the scrappy underdogs whose senior-laden roster is adept in shooting three-pointers.

The No. 2 seed Jayhawks and 15th-seeded Colonels meet Friday in St. Louis, with the winner getting seventh-seeded New Mexico or 10th-seeded Stanford in the third round. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coach Tom Izzo and Michigan State (4) had an easy go of it against Delaware, winning 93-78. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

Patric Young and Florida (1) slammed Albany out of the tournament with a 67-55 win. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

Dayton, an 11th seed, celebrates after upsetting Ohio State 60-59. Vee Sanford scored the winning basket with 3.8 seconds remaining. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Golf. Sinking long putts cures Scott's illness, gives him lead at Bay Hill

Masters champion Adam Scott was feeling ill when he arrived at Bay Hill. One majestic round with the putter Thursday made him feel a lot better.

Scott made five putts from about 20 feet or longer, two of them for eagle and one of them from off the green for birdie, and matched the course record with a 10-under 62 to build a three-shot lead in the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

The conditions were close to perfect. So was his work on the greens.

"I made a lot of putts today, and a lot of putts from considerable length," Scott said. "I hit a lot of nice shots, too, but it wasn't like I was hitting it four feet. I had a round like this in Australia at the end of last year — in the first six holes, I didn't hit it outside five feet. There's a lot of different ways to get the ball in the hole. But it's good for the confidence. It's what I wanted. I sat in here yesterday and said I'd like to make some birdies and build the confidence. And today is a good start to that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Settling for second

3

Ryo Ishikawa and John Merrick are tied for second after rounds of 65. They are three shots back of Adam Scott. Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano is in third place after shooting a 66.

MLB

Reds closer needs surgery after ball hits him in the face

Cincinnati Reds closer Aroldis Chapman is undergoing surgery to repair a broken bone above his left eye but has no other serious injuries after being hit in the face by a line drive in a spring training game.

Team doctor Tim Kremchek called Chapman "a very lucky guy."

Kremchek says a metal plate will be inserted in the bone and will remain there permanently. He says Chapman has a very mild concussion but no other brain injury and no injury to his eye.

Kansas City's Salvador Perez lined Chapman's 99 m.p.h. fastball into the pitcher's face on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maple Leafs look to snap losing streak

For the Toronto Maple Leafs, it's time to rest, not panic.

Losers of three in a row, the Leafs had a full day off Thursday after a rough run of six games in six cities in 10 days. They'll now attempt to regroup before an already tenuous playoff picture gets more dicey.

"First thing is get rest. It's been a gruelling stretch, a ton of travel, a lot of tough games where we're seeing a lot of teams' best efforts here," winger Joffrey Lupul said. "Get some rest and then come back refocused and get some of that confidence back that we had going to the West Coast."

Confidence in the Leafs might be waning from the outside after losing to the Washington Capitals, Detroit Red Wings and Tampa Bay Lightning. But within the locker-room Wednesday night there was plenty of belief that those games featured some positive elements to build on.

"No sense in panicking," said goaltender James Reimer, who has been thrust into the starting role since Jonathan Bernier was injured last week. "I think we've played some good hockey in the last three games, at times, and we know what we can do. I obviously believe in our team; we all believe in each other."

Finding the top of their game is paramount to the Leafs, who occupy the first wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference after falling out of the top three in the Atlantic Division.

They were as high as second after beating the Kings in Los Angeles on March 13. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fire power

Phil Kessel, Nikolai Kulemin and defenceman Jake Gardiner (five goals in seven games) scored against Tampa Bay and it wasn't enough. Kessel leads the team in scoring with 35 goals this season.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't waste time on regrets. This is your time of year and if you are positive you will enjoy the kind of progress that makes yesterday's doubts and failures irrelevant.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may have to remind someone that you do not exist merely to be there when they call. Today's lunar eclipse of Saturn in your opposite sign will help you express negative feelings in a positive way.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Try not to let your annoyance show if a friend gets something wrong. Resist the urge to criticize and instead offer words of advice in a supportive way. Chances are they'll get it right next time.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The most important thing today is that you make sure the facts support your point of view. If you make claims that others find easy to show are false, it won't do your reputation a lot of good.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Anything you do in haste over the next 24 hours will be repented for days if not weeks to come. Slow down, take your time and make sure you have made the correct decisions before you take any action.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It's easy to find fault with others, but is your own life blameless? If you get critical today you may find someone turns the tables by highlighting your own failures.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The planets warn if you shoot your mouth off today you may provoke someone who knows how to hit back. And they will hit you where it hurts most — in your wallet.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's lunar eclipse of Saturn in your sign suggests you are bursting to say things you know you shouldn't. However, the longer you keep your thoughts bottled up, the bigger the explosion will be.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Refuse to do anything you consider underhand or unfair. Others may enjoy cutting corners but you know that in the long-term, negative behaviour has a way of coming back at you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Say what you believe to be true and don't worry too much about the effect it may have on others. Facts are facts and must not be denied, not even to spare the feelings of those who are not as smart as you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You want to make a difference in a good way, but how do you actually do that? What happens over the next 24 hours will point you in the right direction. Start marching!

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A question that's been nagging at your brain for a long time will finally be answered today. It may surprise you how simple the solution is but isn't that often the way? Next time, try not to make such a big deal of it. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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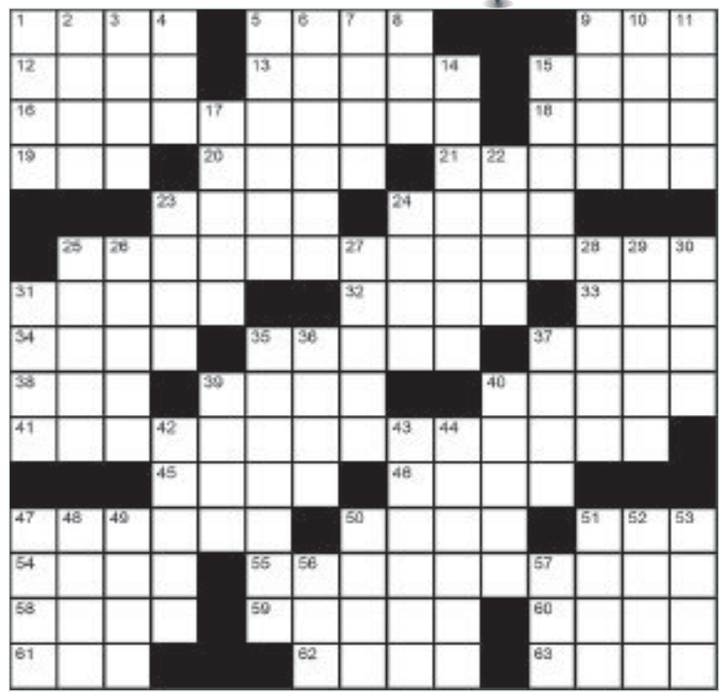
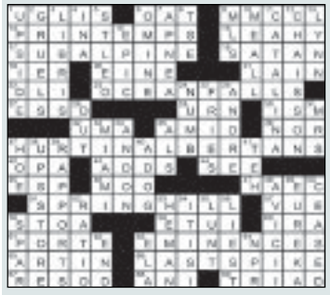


Across
1. __ Mall (Famous street in London, England)
5. Dines, informally
9. You-know-__
12. Nautical side
13. "The Love Boat" bartender
15. Gardening product
16. 1942 Bogart/Bergman movie
18. Seepage sort
19. Cousin of -ette
20. Time delays
21. Author of the best-seller at #47-Across, Joseph __
23. Hourly pay
24. Macbeth's burial place
25. Sports rivalry in AB: 3 wds.
31. Correspond
32. Acad.
33. Narcotics agcy. in The States
34. Shania Twain's "I __ No Quitter"
35. 'Health' in Hull
37. Titles in Turkey
38. Chew out
39. Mr. Jacobs of fashion
40. Guitarist who wears a top hat
41. Manitoba's Wekusko Falls, for one: 2 wds.
45. Driveway sights
46. Pere's partner
47. The __ (Winner of CBC's 2014 Canada Reads battle-of-the-books)
50. Roof part
51. Actor Mr. McBride
54. Horse coat
55. Character in "Muppets Most Wanted" (2014): 2 wds.
58. Mystique
59. Zac of showbiz
60. Laze
61. "Dancing with the Stars" judge Mr. Goodman
62. Temple, poetry-style
63. Catches on

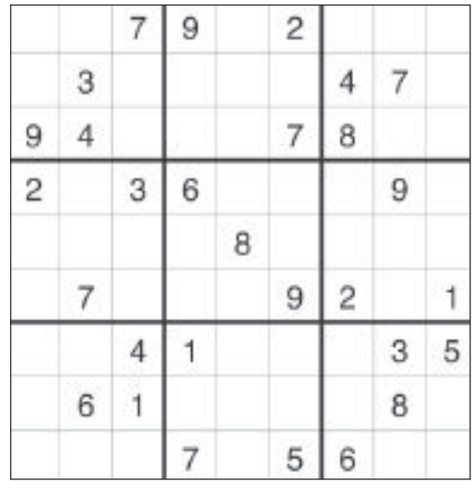
Down
1. Tempo
2. "Ah, me."
3. More-not
4. Singer/actress Ms. Michele
5. Farm fodder
6. Accepted practices
7. Pots and __
8. Bag-like structure
9. Carpentry material
10. Smog
11. Foretoken
14. Freight train's last car
15. True blue
17. Finger point
22. "Don't bet __!": 2 wds.
23. 60-__ bulb
24. "__ it about time?"
25. __Tuck
26. Vernacular
27. "The Da __ Code" (2006)
28. 'E' in poetic monogram EAP
29. Inquire once more
30. Certain cincture
31. Sci-Fi speed
35. New Mexico's capital: 2 wds.
36. Curves
37. Wings
39. Intellect
40. Shopper's binge
42. "Wheel of Fortune" letters-turner
43. Popular online 'bookstore'
44. Maroon 5 singer Adam
47. __ agreement
48. Libertine
49. Clear
50. Better Than __ (Rock band)
51. Hand over
52. "Stop!"
53. Furies
56. Sour
57. Large

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

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4	8	9	6	5	7	2	1	3
3	6	8	1	2	9	4	5	7
7	9	1	5	6	4	3	2	8
5	2	4	7	3	8	6	9	1
9	4	5	3	1	2	7	8	6
6	7	2	4	8	5	1	3	9
8	1	3	9	7	6	5	4	2

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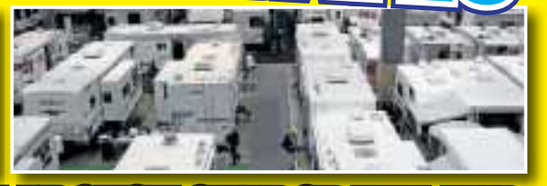

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